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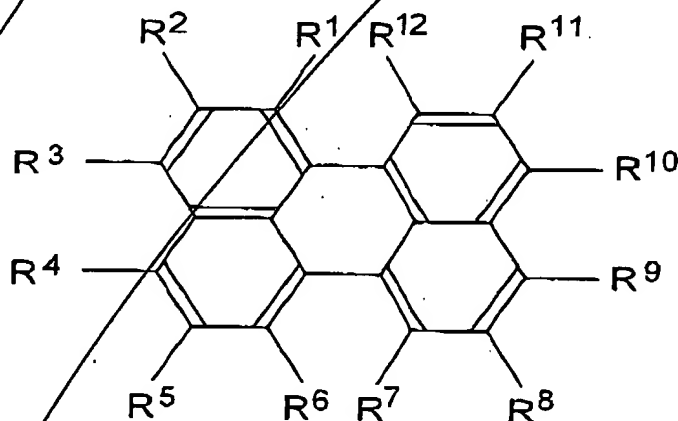
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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An organic electroluminescent (EL) device comprising an anode, a cathode, and one or more organic thin-film layers including a light-emitting layer sandwiched between the anode and the cathode, the organic thin-film layers including, either singly or as a mixture, a perylene compound represented by a general formula [1] as follows:



wherein each of R^1 to R^{12} independently represents hydrogen atom, halogen atom, hydroxyl group, substituted or non-substituted amino group, nitro group, cyano group, substituted or non-substituted alkyl group, substituted or non-substituted alkenyl group, substituted or non-substituted styryl group, substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, substituted or non-

15 substituted alkoxy group, substituted or non-substituted
aromatic hydrocarbon group, substituted or non-
substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, substituted or
non-substituted aralkyl group or substituted or non-
substituted aryloxy group; any two of R^1 to R^{12} may form
20 a ring; however, at least one of R^1 to R^{12} is diarylamino
group represented by $-NAr^1Ar^2$ (each of Ar^1 and Ar^2
represents non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group
or substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic
group), and at least one of R^1 to R^{12} other than the
25 diarylamino group is a group with steric hindrance for
suppressing aggregation of molecules.

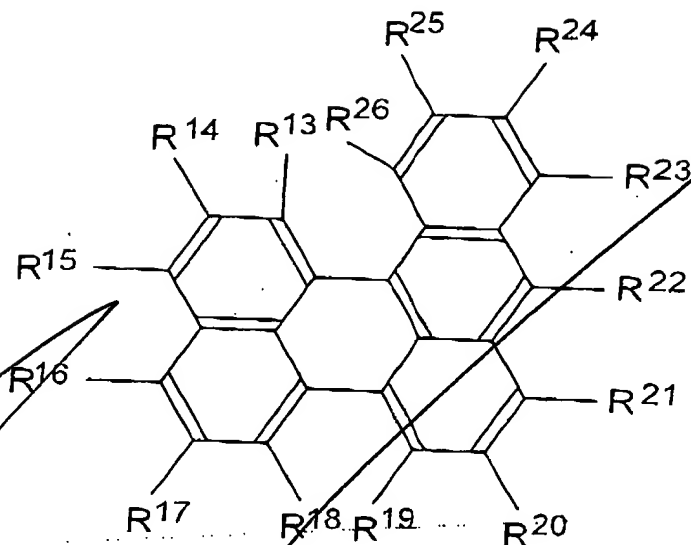
2. The organic EL device as defined in claim 1,
wherein at least one of Ar^1 and Ar^2 has substituted or non-
substituted styryl group as a substituent.

3. The organic EL device as defined in claim 1,
wherein the organic thin-film layers have at least a light-
emitting layer including the compound represented by
the general formula [1] either singly or as a mixture.

4. The organic EL device as defined in claim 1,
wherein the organic thin-film layers have at least a hole
transporting layer including the compound represented

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follows:



wherein each of R^{13} to R^{26} independently represents hydrogen atom, halogen atom, hydroxyl group, substituted or non-substituted amino group, nitro group, cyano group, substituted or non-substituted alkyl group, substituted or non-substituted alkenyl group, substituted or non-substituted styryl group, substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group or substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group; any two of R^{13} to R^{26} may form a ring; and at least one of R^1 to R^{14} is a group with steric hindrance for suppressing aggregation of molecules.

8. The organic EL device as defined in claim 7, wherein at least one of R^{13} to R^{26} is diarylamino group represented by $-NAr^1Ar^2$ (each of Ar^1 and Ar^2 represents non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group), and the group with steric hindrance is other than the diarylamino group.

9. ~~The organic EL device as defined in claim 8, wherein at least one of Ar^1 and Ar^2 has substituted or non-substituted styryl group as a substituent.~~

10. The organic EL device as defined in claim 7, wherein the organic thin-film layers have at least a light-emitting layer including the compound represented by the general formula [2] either singly or as a mixture.

11. The organic EL device as defined in claim 7, wherein the organic thin-film layers have at least a hole transporting layer including the compound represented by the general formula [2] either singly or as a mixture.

12. The organic EL device as defined in claim 7, wherein the organic thin-film layers have at least an electron transporting layer including the compound

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represented by the general formula [2] either singly or as
5 a mixture.

13. The organic EL device as defined in claim 1,
wherein the group with steric hindrance included in the
general formula [2] is the substituted or non-substituted
alkyl group, the substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl
5 group, the substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group,
the substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon
group, the substituted or non-substituted aromatic
heterocyclic group, the substituted or non-substituted
aralkyl group or the substituted or non-substituted
10 aryloxy group.

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